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**WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORT
AND LAND USE PLANNING
- Focus on South Caucasus**

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Partners

Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Georgia
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Tbilisi Municipal Government
National Commission for Transport Regulation of Georgia

Wednesday, 18 October 2006

08.30 - 09.00 **Registration**

09.00 – 09.45 **Opening remarks**

- Mr. David Tkeshelashvili, Minister of Environment Protection and Natural Resources
- Mr. Vladimer Chipashvili, Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs;
- Mr. George Meladze, Vice Mayor of Tbilisi;
- Mr. Nigel Dotchin, Vice-Chairman of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Steering Committee.

Session 1. **Challenges and possible solutions for sustainable urban transport in Southern Caucasus**

Chair: Mr. Zaal Lomtadze, Vice Minister, Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources, Georgia

09.45 – 10.15 **Key messages from the workshop on Implementing Sustainable Urban Travel Policies in Russian Federation and other EECCA countries (Moscow, September 2004)**

- Ms. Elene Shatberashvili, European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) on behalf of Mr. Vadim Dontchenko, Scientific and Research Institute of Road Transport (NIIAT), Russian Federation

10.15 – 11.30 **Urban transport in Tbilisi and in other main towns of Georgia**

- Ms. Ekaterine Labadze, Department of Transport, Tbilisi Municipal Government
- Janri Karchava, Ministry of the Environment Protection and Natural Resources
- Mr. Alexandre Mindorashvili, consultant on health issues

Questions and discussion

10.30 - 10.45 *Coffee break*

10.45 – 11.45 **Urban transport in Armenia (Yerevan)**

- Mr. Martiros Tsarukyan, Ministry of Nature Protection
- Mr. Chitchyan Levon, Ministry of Transport and Communication
- Mr. Georgi Torosyan, Division of Transport and Communication Statistics, National Statistical Service

11.45 – 12.30 **Urban transport in Azerbaijan (Baku)**

- Mr. Baghiz Hidayatov, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources,

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch*

Session 2.

Improving institutional coordination and policy integration

13.30 – 14.00

Tools for improving transport, environment and health policy coordination

- Mr. Dominic Stead, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands

14.00 – 14.45

Transport policies and institutional coordination in South Caucasus - challenges and suggested solutions

- Ms. Nino Tkhilava, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, Georgia;
- Mr. Lado Vardosanidze, Association of Urban Planners of Georgia;
- Mr. Mikheil Kurkhuli, coordinator of the NEHAP in Georgia;
- Representatives from Armenia and Azerbaijan
- Questions and discussion

14.45 - 15.15

Technical assistance for institutional building and governmental reforms in Georgia/ Caucasus – A role for promoting closer policy coordination between the sectors?

- Ms. Mariam Shotadze, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Tbilisi office

15.15 – 15.30

Coffee break

15.30 – 16.00

Environmental Management and Transport Policies; Presentation of relevant activities of the “Training Centre for Strengthening Public Administration and Media in Georgia (SPAMGO)”

- Mr. Rainer Agster, Adelphi Research

16.00 – 17.00

Presentation of practical experience from other countries

Sharing of responsibilities on urban transport between central and local level: The Hungarian experience

- Professor Katalin Tanczos, Department of Transport Economics of Budapest University of Technology and Economics

Drafting and implementing measures for improving national road safety

- Dr. Hristina Mileva, Ministry of Health, Bulgaria
- Dr Nicole Mulhrad, National Institute for Road Safety Research (INRETS), France (experience from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan).

Institutional coordination and policy integration: Belgium experience

- François André, National Cell for Environment and Health

17.00 - 17.30

Summary of the discussions

19.30

Dinner

Thursday, 19 October 2006

Co- Chairs: Mr. Nigel Dotchin Vice-Chair and Mr. Robert Thaler, Chair of THE PEP Steering Committee

Session 3. Citizens' preferences and perceptions regarding urban travel and city planning

09.00 – 10.30 **Main findings from a survey urban travel carried out in Tbilisi**
- Mr. Zaur Kacharava, Georgian NGO "Partnership for Local Governance Improvement"

Findings from opinion surveys in other countries

- Mr. Dominic Stead, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands
- Questions and discussion

10.30 – 10.45 *Coffee break*

Session 4. Moving towards more sustainable urban mobility; measures for influencing the demand for transport

10.45 – 11.45 **Economic instruments to manage private car use in urban areas**

- **Urban transport pricing and fiscal measures:** Andrea Ricci, ISIS Research Institute
- **Congestion charges, the UK experience:** Mr. Nigel Dotchin, Department of Transport, United Kingdom
- Questions and discussion

11.45 – 12.45 **Policies to promote public transport use**

- **Organizing and financing of the public transport: the ECMT approach:** Ms. Elene Shatberashvili, European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT)
- **Attractive public transport through regional cooperation - presentation of the Wroclaw experience:** Mr. Zbigniew Komar, Director of Infrastructure and Economic Development, City of Wroclaw, Poland
- Questions and discussion

12.45 – 13.45 *Lunch*

13.45 – 14.45 **Urban land-use planning and sustainable transport:** Andrea Ricci on behalf of Professor Tony May, Leeds University

- **Examples from Copenhagen and Delft:** Mr. Dominic Stead
- Questions and discussion

14.45 – 15.45 **Awareness raising and education for changing travel patterns and behaviours-** persuading the public and the politicians.

- **The European Commission's public awareness campaigns (The European Mobility Week and Car Free Days) and the Koprivnica experience:** Ms. Helena Hecimovic, Town Councilor, Municipality of Koprivnica, Croatia (2nd in the 2006 European Mobility Week Award)
- Questions and discussion

15.45 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

Session 5. Internationally supported transport projects in South Caucasus

16.00 – 16.15 **Introductory presentation on international transport projects and sustainable transport development**

- Mr. Falk Heinen, German Federal Environmental Agency

16.15 – 17.00 **Urban Transport Projects of European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD):**

- Mr. Paul Covenden

Ongoing and planned projects on Sustainable Transport Development: -

- Ms. Anna Kaplina, UNDP/Bratislava
- Questions and discussion

Development of Sustainable Traffic in Tirana (LIFE – project)

- Mr. Cenci Como, ECAT, Environmental Center for Administration and Technology

17.00 – 17.30 **Summary of the discussions and conclusions**

19.30 *Dinner*

Friday, 20 October 2006

Co-Chairs: Mr. Mario Fruianu, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, The Netherlands and Ms Eva Gleissenberger, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

Session 6. Assessing health and environment impacts of transport: an introduction

9.00 – 9.20 **Welcome from Mr. Nikoloz Pruidze Deputy Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs**

9.20 – 9.40 **Setting the context: Presentation of the goals and the preparatory steps of “THE PEP tool-box” for transport, environment and health**

- Mr. Mario Fruianu, The Netherlands

9.40 – 9.55 **Tools to assess the effects of transport on health and the environment - Brief overview of assessment tools; including health impact assessment (HIA) and Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA)**

- Ms. Birgit Staatsen, National Institute of Public Health and the Environment RIVM, The Netherlands and Ms Francesca Racioppi, WHO Regional Office for Europe

- 9.55 – 10.10** **Applying SEA to implement Local Environmental Action Plans in South-Caucasian cities**
- Ms. Ketis Samadashvili, The Regional Environmental Centre (REC) for the Caucasus
- 10.10 – 10.50** **Applying the tools: the Dutch experience**
- Mr. Jeroen de Hartog, National Institute of Public Health and the Environment RIVM, The Netherlands
- 10.50 – 11.10* *Coffee break*
- Session 7.** **Opportunities and challenges in assessing health and environment effects of transport in EECCA countries**
- 11.10 – 11.45** **Applying HIA tools to assess the effects of transport on health and the environment on Tbilisi: Past and present experiences**
- Mr. Mark van Bruggen, the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment RIVM, The Netherlands
- Dr. Manana Juruli, Institute of Labor Medicine and Ecology and other Georgian experts
- 11.45 – 13.00** Feedback and discussion
- 13.00 – 14.00* *Lunch*
- 14.00 – 14.30** **Towards improving the monitoring of air quality in EECCA cities: overview of available tools and approaches:** - Ms. Sonja Kahlmeier, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- 14.30 – 14.45** **Applying results of air monitoring to assess impacts and inform policy making processes: an example from Belgium:** - Mr. Francois André, National Cell for Environment and Health, Belgium
- 14.45 – 15.15** **Discussion**
- 15.15 – 15.30* *Coffee break*
- 15.30 – 16.30** **Discussion on the further steps for:**
- **Capacity building and action in South-Caucasus**
- **Further development of the tool-box**
- 16.30 – 17.00** **Summary of discussions, next steps and conclusion**